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Dr. Voelcker on Dangerous
Remedies.

Ought apples, pears, plums, cherries,
grapes, or tomatoes to be sprayed with blue
vitriol or any other poison to kill fungoid
growth? What danger does the custom
carry? These questions were suggested by
a letter from Mr. M. S. Salomon, who
states that he has found traces of copper
and of lime on apples submitted to him
for testing. He thinks it must have been
sprayed on the apples to kill parasites.
The spray in question was a scientific
corrosive, was evidently a mixture
well known to farmers and fruit growers,
and containing sulphate of copper as a base.
It has been used to prevent or to kill fun-
goid diseases for many years. When first
introduced there was a fear that the copper
it contained might be poisonous, as the
Royal Agricultural Society experimented
with it on all manner of plants - and is still
experimenting.

The chief chemist of the Royal Agricul-
tural Society, Dr. J. Augustus Voelcker,
told a standard representative that twenty
years of experiments on the Woburn farms
and in the laboratories of the Royal
Agricultural Society had proved so far as
proof was possible, that the spraying of
potato plants with blue vitriol and lime
never left any trace of copper in the
potatoes themselves.

"It was used," he said "to fight potato
disease before it was found to be remark-
ably efficient in killing down other dis-
eases of plants. It is not perfect either as a
preventive or as a cure, but it seems to be
the most efficient we possess. Tomatoes,
grapes, apples, pears, wheat, almost every
highly specialised plant you can think of,
may suffer from the trouble, but I
have never heard of any intelligent person
spraying ripe fruit with the mixture.
Plants and fruit trees get their dose long
before the fruit is formed. Potato tops
that get it are very far from the under-
ground tubers, and seed which is treated
with it before being sown has no share
in any signs of growing plants that contain
any trace of copper in their fruit."

Dr. Voelcker mentioned that experiments
have been conducted lately showing the
results of various metallic sprays on soils.
These are now nearly completed, and will
then be officially communicated by the
Royal Agricultural Society. Dr. Voelcker
added that he knew nothing of poisonous
effects of copper on the human body. The
idea of one of the London medical schools
explained that soluble copper salts taken
in any quantity acted as an emetic, and
were refused by the stomach. In very
small quantities there was some evidence
that they might produce diuretic effects.
He had never known a case of copper
poisoning due to the presence of mineral
poison in the skin of fruit.

HEALTHY SINGAPORE.

At a meeting of the Singapore Municipal
Commission, the President, Mr. F.
J. Hurlingham, presiding, the financial
statement showed a net overdraft of
\$345,312.61. Bills, to the amount of
\$452,874.41, for March and April have
been paid.

The President remarked that the
Municipal loan had been successfully
float and the money paid to the Com-
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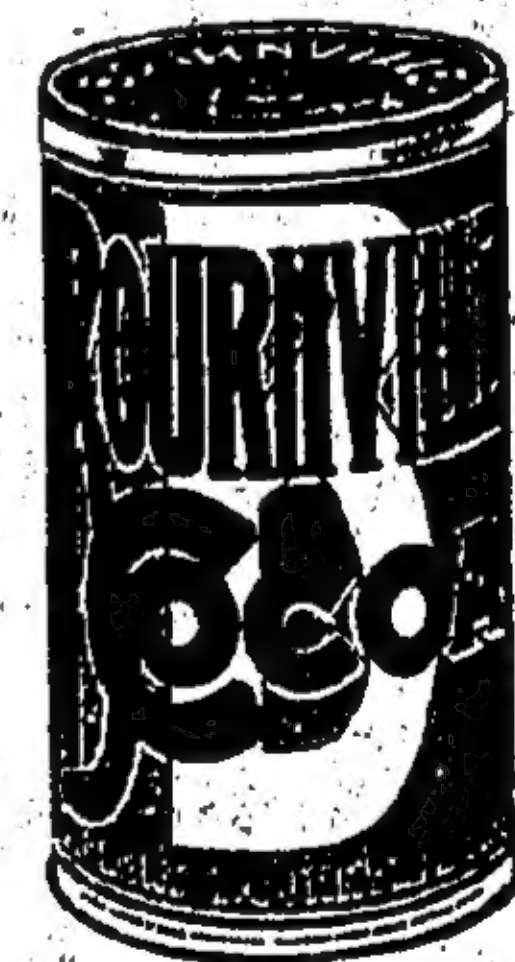
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ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Allied Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals here to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals:

An attempt was made at the Royal Naval Dockyard yesterday by a Chinese to draw a workman's pay. At the midday interval, the workman reported that his ticket, No 2423, had been taken from off the board in the master's office. At 4.45 p.m. a Chinese walked up to the pay box, tendered the ticket and demanded "his" wages. The value of the ticket was \$120.

The man was promptly arrested and charged by Serge Allan of the Naval Police with fraud. He was sentenced to 14 days imprisonment and four hours

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BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE ULSTER CRISIS.

GOVERNMENT AND GUN-RUNNING.

LONDON, May 1.
The Morning Post and the Daily Chronicle state that the Cabinet on Monday resolved to prosecute in a Dublin Court 20 leaders of the gun-running exploits, including Captain Craig, M.P., and Major McCalmont, M.P. The Cabinet yesterday rescinded Monday's decision.

Government and a Federal System.

There is much speculation on the Government's action regarding Home Rule. It is stated that they will offer a Commission, to be drawn from both sides, to consider a Federal system for the United Kingdom, and empowered to fix a date by common consent on which Federalism will operate. Thus the time-limit, upon which the Nationalists insist, will be retained, but in the meantime the Irish Parliament will have an opportunity to prove its capacity and its good-will towards Ulster. Hence the ultimate inclusion of Ulster in the Irish unit will depend on the good behaviour and efficiency of the Dublin Parliament.

Mr. Redmond and his colleagues refuse to speak owing to the delicacy of the situation.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain, speaking at Wolverhampton, said the attempt of Mr. Churchill to re-ignite the threads of conciliation was a great advance. It was complicated and presented infinite difficulties, but he hoped it contained the germs of conciliation.

Better Feeling Prevailing.

LONDON, May 2.

A better political atmosphere still prevails and is now spreading through Ireland, although it is agreed that the difficulties regarding details are formidable.

There is strong and widespread feeling that peace has come to stay.

More Conversations.

It is believed that Mr. Asquith, Lord Lansdowne, Mr. Redmond and Sir E. Carson will conduct the conversations which will start as soon as possible.

In Sympathy With Federalism.

It is understood that 200 Liberal members of the House of Commons and 100 Unionist sympathisers with Federalism.

The Threatened Prosecutions.

Dublin telegrams state that the prosecution of the Ulsterites for gun-running has been abandoned owing to Nationalist representations.

Unionists Speeches.

Mr. F. E. Smith, K.C., M.P., speaking at Swindon, said the Unionists would never assent to a settlement automatically including Ulster with the rest of Ireland after a period of years. Lord Hugh Cecil, at Runcorn, said that Unionists still bitterly opposed Home Rule, and would adopt every Parliamentary means to prevent it from passing.

THE MEXICAN CRISIS.

THE PROPOSED ARMISTICE.

LONDON, May 2.

Vice-Admiral Fletcher has reached a friendly agreement with the British Company at Vera Cruz with reference to the hiring of a pier.

A telegram from Washington states that the mediators are now prepared to proceed with the plans relative to the United States and President Huerta, but hopes of peace between the Mexican factions have been damped by General Carranza refusing an armistice to the Federals and having ordered 12,000 men under General Villa to attack Tampico.

SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT FOR SEYING.

LONDON, May 2.

A telegram from Perm states that the German balloonist and his two companions who were arrested recently on a charge of espionage have been sentenced to six months' imprisonment. Intense indignation is felt throughout Germany.

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(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

HOME RACING.

RESULT OF THE ONE THOUSAND.

LONDON, May 1.

The One Thousand Guineas Race (one mile, for three-year-old fillies, second 400 sovs., third 200 sovs.) ran at Newmarket May 1, resulted as follows:

Mr. J. R. Joel's Princess Dorrie (W. Huxley) 1
Lt. Derby's Glorvina (Rickaby) 2
Sir John Thursby's Torchlight (Steele) 3

Won by three quarters of a length; a neck between second and third.

Also ran: Flying Bridge (Clark) Fatalist (Fox) Imperative (Randall) Lancaster Lady (Donoghue) Manuscript (Whalley) Mira (Walter Grigg) Princess Ziria (H. Robbins) Sunwin (Wing) White Lie (H. Jones) and Clarelaven II (Foy).

The Course betting on the first three was 100 to 9 against Princess Dorrie, 100 to 7 against Glorvina and even on Torchlight.

The Race.

Flying Bridge led until a quarter of a mile from home where she was beaten and Lancaster Lady and Torchlight took up the running. Shortly afterwards Torchlight went ahead but was immediately challenged by Princess Dorrie and Glorvina, the former asserting her superiority in the last hundred yards. Lancaster Lady was fourth.

The time was 1m. 42 secs.
[Princess Dorrie is a brown filly by Your Majesty—Doris. She had five seconds and two thirds out of eight attempts last year. She is owned by the Oaks Stakes (May 20). But not the Derby. Last year Mr. J. R. Joel also won this race, with Jet, the second and third being Tulest and True. Other previous winners since 1908 were Rhodora, Elcra, Winkipop, Atnah and Tagalia—En.]

Jubilee Betting.

The betting on the Kempton Park Great Jubilee Handicap (run May 9) is:—

9 to 2 against China Cock.

8 to 1 against Diademene.

9 to 1 against Curragh and Blue-stone.

Derby Betting.

The latest London betting on the Derby is:—

3 to 1 against Kennymore.

9 to 1 against Black Jester.

[The Turf has apparently dropped out of the betting for the time-being. Ceteris paribus in this year's Two Thousand has not been entered for the Derby.—Ed.]

WHITE WOLF AGAIN ACTIVE.

LONDON, May 2.

Reuter's Peking correspondent telegraphs that White Wolf has reappeared and looted Ling Tai and Chung Sin in Kansu province. It is reported that the disbanded Kansu Mohammedan troops have joined White Wolf.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, May 2.

The death is announced of Sir James Henderson, proprietor of the "Belfast News Letter."

(Wah Tsa Yat Po's Service.)

THE CONSTITUTION.

PEKING, May 1.

The terms of the new Constitution will be made public to-day.

Foreigners and Waterworks.

A strong protest has been made against water works schemes being financed by foreigners, it being held that such enterprises should be kept in Chinese hands.

The Salt Revenue.

Sir Richard Dane, the Salt Commissioner, has presented report upon his recent investigation of the salt revenue, and it is understood that this will form the principal guarantee for the second big loan from the Quentop Group.

A New Cable.

The new marine cable between China and Japan is completed, and commercial messages will be accepted in the near future.

Garrison Mutinies.

AMOI, May 1st.

The garrison of Hai Yang, near Swatow, has mutinied, and all the telegraph wires have been cut. Ng Cheong Tai, Commander of the Swatow troops, has started with his army to suppress the mutiny.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

MYSTERIOUS MISHAP AT FORMOSA.

THE "SIBERIA" SIVE AT MANILA.

LONDON, May 2.

A telegram from Tokyo states that the Pacific Mail steamer "Siberia," en route from Nagasaki to Manila, has sent a wireless message that she is ashore at Formosa.

On board are forty-three first-class passengers, including Mrs. Harrison, the wife of the Governor of the Philippine Islands.

Details are lacking as the wireless messages are mutilated.
[From inquiry at the local office of the Pacific Mail Company, we learn that the "Siberia" is quite safe and is at present at Manila. Further references to the matter will be found in another part of this issue.—En.]

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not necessarily acquiesce in opinions expressed by correspondents.—Ed.]

LAUNCHES IN THE HARBOUR.

(To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL.")

Sir,—When I want information about chairs and rickshaws plying for hire, I shall go to the "man in the street" to whom "Observant" in your issue of last night referred me. At present I am consulting the man about on the above question, who, I am sure, knows more about it. The question at issue is, do unlicensed steam launches "interfere" with the legitimate trade of licensed vessels in the harbour? I maintain that they do and "Observant" in your last night's issue goes a good bit to back me up. For the sake of argument I will take the same two launches the "Hongkong Hotel" and the "Jeannette" (there are many others).

If both these launches meet the P. and O. Mail as they frequently do, and both carry passengers ashore is it not obvious that if the unlicensed launch carried no passengers, there would be a better harvest for the licensed launch, or for the poor sampan man who plies for hire alongside the ship.

I do not say that the "Jeannette" directly benefits by the transaction, but it forms a portion of the integral workings of the company.

"Observant" can have very little idea of the working of the Harbour when he says that no license is required to tow, allow me to inform him that far more launches "ply for hire" to tow than they do to carry passengers, and "plying for hire to carry passengers" is the cloak which disguises the true occupation of the so-called private launch more of which are "let out on hire" than are used by their owners. It is the long-suffering Chinese who suffer.

OBSERVER.

Hongkong, 2nd May, 1914.

MONOPOLIES IN HAINAN.

STANDARD OIL AND HIDES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

HONGKONG, April 22.

According to information which has reached us from a reliable source considerable trouble has been recently caused in Hainan by a hide monopoly in which a rich Cantonese firm and the Standard Oil Company are concerned.

It seems that when the country people of the interior took hide down to the coast for sale the Cantonese buyers compelled the sellers to take standard oil in payment, and as there was no other market open to them the sellers had to accept these terms.

Such a monopoly could not of course be worked without the active connivance of the Chinese officials, who are said to have received large sums for their sanction and protection.

The monopoly being in contravention of treaty rights other firms interested in the oil and hide trades determined to break it. Several European firms combined, and induced a number of rich Cantonese to invest in hides, a European firm making itself responsible for their shipment. This caused considerable trouble, and a number of Chinese engaged in breaking the monopoly have been, it is reported, executed by the Government, it being asserted by the officials that they were connected with the anti-Yuan rising of last year.

Spies are everywhere, our correspondent continues. One rice man here (Haitow) who was engaged in the monopoly by selling his rice not yet taken; but detectives watch him constantly, and he cannot get away. Some think that the officials are only waiting till excitement dies down to arrest him.

In Yun-si, a progressive district of Hainan, an active boycott of Standard oil was put into operation and when the executions commenced all the Yun-si people in Kiangchow and other districts of the province. Some think that the people against the monopoly have been set down to put up with the standard oil, and the soldiers and "Foreign" and "Chinese" frequent spies are everywhere in the streets of the cities.

THE TIGER ROARS AGAIN.

Mr. C. H. Gale writes to us to-day as follows:—The Tiger-pub in an appearance near Mount Gough at 4.30 p.m. on Friday evening and roared six times just outside my garden. At 9 p.m. the Tiger heard it in the direction of Mount Gough.

HAUL FROM A SAMPAN.

OPIUM, PISTOLS AND AMMUNITION SEIZED.

Police Lance-Sergeant Lenaghan, of the Taumati section, yesterday made an important seizure on board a sampan at Yau-nai Bay. Concealed in the bottom of the vessel were three Mauser pistols, 1,500 rounds of Mauser ammunition, and 115 tins of opium. The officer arrested the owner of the sampan who said a friend at Laidihok gave him the goods. Prisoner was before Mr. Wood to-day on two charges of possession, and remanded until Monday at 2.15 p.m.

Mr. Grist, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, defended.

THE BANDMANN OPERA COMPANY.

"THE LAUGHING HUSBAND."

Last night, "The Laughing Husband" was produced by the Bandmann Opera Company at the Theatre Royal. Mr. Fred Coyne in the little role was a tremendous success and let himself go to advantage at the conclusion of the second act. It was an effective scene this could not have been acted with more realism and finesse. Mr. Coyne throughout was the moving figure and he was supported by an excellent cast. Mr. Bobby Roberts as Dr. Rosenrot, the specialist in warped, convoluted blues, was also capital. He appeared in the third act as a moment when the dramatic scene previous had obliterated all comedy. He excelled as a member of heart-on-an-occupation which gave him immense scope for his talent as a humourist. To Miss Beatrice Rowe was entrusted the part of Hella Bricker, the wife of the "Laughing Husband." Her manner was a little staid and she did not make enough of the shooting box scene but any little discrepancy was amply compensated by her charming manner in previous scenes. Mr. Alec Worcester did not distinguish himself as Count Von Seitzel, a professional Lothario, and his voice did not have full play in the songs allotted to him. Miss Dora Kendall, who we were pleased to see had recovered from her indisposition, was charming as Etelka, and her clever dancing was again a special feature. Miss Addie Leonard scored a success as Lucinda, the spiritualist and fadist. Mr. W. Eagers, as the rough diamond, was inclined to overdo the part a little yet his dramatic touches were good.

To-night the Company stage "Step This Way."

SCOTTISH LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

EDINBURGH, April 7.

THE DUFF FAMILY.

For many generations the Duff have been a leading family in the North of Scotland, and now we are presented by Alistair and Henrietta Taylor in the "Book of the Duff," with a history of their rise, progress, and many honours. With the dawn of record there appears the figure of Mac Duff who, of course, we all believe to be the Thane of Fife. But for practical purposes the pedigree begins with Adam Duff of Clunybeg (d. 1500-1574) a cadet of Malduin. From this Adam are descended the Duff families who have attained to distinction in modern times, and particularly the family which blossomed in the eighteenth century into Earl of Fife, the six Earl being created Duke in 1889 on his marriage with Princess Louise of Wales, afterwards Princess Royal. The majority of the men and women whose lives are recorded in this "Book of the Duff" filled honourably the posts allotted to them. Now and then a black sheep appeared in the dock. There was, for example, George Duff, a century and a half ago, who had a commission in the Guards and was "Given to gambling and keeping bad company," and one or two others. But they are the rare exceptions. The stock was sound and healthy, and produced soldiers and sailors too. There were General Patrick Duff, who served in India; Major Hugh Robert Duff of Malduin, who served in the campaign in Holland in 1783, but better known as the editor of the Colloid papers; General Sir Alexander Duff, who was with Whiteblock in the attack on Buenos Ayres; and in our own day General Sir Beauchamp Duff, who served with distinction in South Africa, and is now Commander in India. In the Navy were George Duff, cadet of Hutton, captain of the line of battleship "Mars" at Trafalgar, where he was killed; and his son, Admiral Norrie Duff, besides many others of lower rank. The general character of the family is thus described:—

"The Duffs made their money by merchandise, agriculture, private banking, money-lending, and other arts of industry and peace, pursued for a long period of time and with every favourable advantage, and they secured enormous wealth, and good fame." They were a man of good conduct, just in their dealings, moderate in their tastes, religious, and a strictly fulfilled all their engagements.

COMMERCIAL.

SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Vernon and Smyth, in their weekly share report, dated May 1st state:—

During the period under review dealings in local stocks have been very limited, the chief attraction again being "Langkate" and with the settlement on the 28th inst., business during the week has been considerably hampered. Langkate after considerable fluctuations, now close with cash sales at Tls. 40. "Rubber" for the present shows no signs of activity but according to the latest home advices the market is dim, and the "Tin" market quiet with prices again easier. Hard Para has a quotation of 2/11, and Plantation Sheet of 2/7. The open market rate of discount at banks advanced and now stands at 2 1/2 per cent. and the Bank of England rate remains as previously advised viz. 3 per cent. Bar Silver is quoted at 37 1/2 for ready, and 37 1/2 for forward. Sterling T.T. at 1/11, Shanghai T.T. at 73, and Singapore T.T. at 83. Consols have receded to 74.

Bonds.—Hongkong and Shanghai have been placed at \$310, and have sellers in London at \$32 1/2.

Worries Insurance.—Unions are on offer at \$785, and Cantons have been bought at \$331, with shares in demand at \$3 1/2. North China close with a nominal quotation of Tls. 145, and Yangtze are quoted \$190 nominal ex dividend.

Fires Insurance.—China Fires have buyers at \$140, and Hongkong Fires close at \$308 nominal.

Shipping.—Hongkong, Canton, and Macao are easier with sellers at \$35, and Douglas are a quiet market with shares on offer at \$31. Indo-Chinese have sellers at \$67 1/2, and a London middle quotation of 150, and China Manilla have a nominal quotation of \$34. Star Ferries are unchanged at \$484 nominal.

"Old 2"—The "Old 2" market, during the week has been quiet but steady, with a tendency to harden. The following middle quotations are to hand this morning from our London agents, viz. Shells 103.9, Ural Caspian 55, and Mexican Eagles 40. Shells are enquired for locally at 103.6 but no shares are forthcoming.

Refineries.—China Sugars have improved to a buying rate of \$83, without leading to business. Luzarns are unchanged at \$35, with no sales to report.

Mining.—Rauks close with a nominal quotation of \$3, and have been a quiet market during the week. They have a local quotation of \$10, and a London quotation of 38.9, middle. Eastwoods are as previously quoted viz. 2 1/2 nominal, and Tronchs are quoted with a nominal quotation of 34, and a London middle price of 32.6.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Hongkong Kowloon Wharves have been placed at \$32 and \$31, and more shares are wanted at the latter figure. Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have been sold at \$60, but close easier, with sales at \$58. No change has to be reported in New-Amoy Docks, viz. \$8 1/2 nominal. Shanghai Docks have buyers at Tls. 60, and Shanghai and Hongkong Wharves are unchanged with a nominal quotation of Tls. 94.

Land, Hotels and Buildings.—Hongkong Hotels have a nominal quotation of \$123, and Hongkong Lands have been placed at \$113, with more shares wanted at the rate. Humphreys Estates have had sales at \$75, and Wai Point are wanted at the improved rate of \$70, with no shares on offer. Kowloon Lands again close with a nominal quotation of \$44.

Cotton Mills.—No business has to be reported in Hongkong Cottons which remain on offer at \$5. Even have been sold at Tls 127 and 128, and Hong Yik Tls 111 and Tls 111, there now being buyers at the latter rate. Shanghai Cottons have been placed at Tls 106, and Laou Kung Mow again close with a nominal quotation of Tls 85.

Miscellaneous.—Chia So Purnace are wanted at \$12. Dairy Farms at \$27, 100 at \$180, and Steam Launches at \$41. There are sellers of China Lights at \$4.10, China Providents at \$8, Green Islands at \$8, Hongkong Electric at \$45, Peak Tram (new) at \$3 cents, and Union Water Boats at \$20. The following stocks close with a nominal quotation viz. Hongkong Ropes at \$12, Watsons \$8 and Foralls \$5.

London Quotations.—The following quotations (middle price) were received from our London Agents by wire this morning:—

Indo-Chinese (Combined) ... 120/-
Chinese Engineering ... 38/6
H.K. Elect. Trans. ... 8/8
Troop Mines, Ltd. ... 32/6
Ural Caspian ... 53/-
Mexican Eagles ... 40/-
Shell Transporta "bearer" ... 103.9
British Diamond Portland Cement ... 4/11
Malay Premier Oil Syndicate ... 14/9
United Serdang ... 9/4
Rubber Plant. Inv. Trust ... 11/7
Venture Trust, Ltd. ... 1/1

SPORTING.

Billiards.

HOLDERS' CLUB TOURNAMENT.

The match between the Police and Wardens and 88th Coy. R.G.A., reached the penultimate stage last night, when the Police added two more wins to their credit.

The first game was between P. C. Grismett, Police, and Gannor Culbert, 88th Coy. R.G.A. There was little to choose between the players in skill, but Grismett had just that little steadiness which Culbert lacked. This enabled Grismett to keep the lead practically throughout the game. He had only a lead of 11 at 150, which he made into 22 at the 200 mark. After that Grismett won easily by 64 points. Breaks—Grismett, 25, 16, 12, 14, 11, 10. Culbert, 21, 12, 11, 20. Scores—200; Culbert, 180.

The second game was slow, Mr. Franks of the Field Dept. opposing Gannor Hook, 88th Coy. R.G.A. Hook was well behind throughout the game. At 200 Franks was 43 in front, after which Hook only made eight more while Franks made the 50 necessary for game, which he won by 84 points. Breaks—Franks, 15, 14, 11, 10, 12, 12. Scores—Franks, 230; Hook, 168.

The Police and Wardens now have the commanding lead of 242 points. The team scores are:—

Police and Wardens, 1453.
88th Coy. R.G.A., 1215.

Fancy Dress Cricket.

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